# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:17
ANSWERED ON:18.07.2016
Rule of Polytechnics in Community Development
Jayadevan Shri C. N.

**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is implementing a scheme of Community Development through Polytechnics in the country;
(b) if so, the details of the scheme and the extent to which this scheme has been implemented in the State of Kerala;
(c) whether the Government is aware that the honorarium and consolidated remuneration payable to the functionaries involved in implementing this scheme is very low and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) whether the Government has any proposal to revise the present rate of honorarium and if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 17 FOR ANSWER ON 18-07-2016 ASKED BY SHRI C. N. JAYADEVAN, M.P., LOK SABHA REGARDING ROLE OF POLYTECHNICS IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(a): Yes, Madam.
(b): The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) launched a Scheme named 'Community Development through Polytechnics (CDTP)', in the year 2009, with the aim of providing non formal, short term, employment oriented skill development programmes, to various sections of the community, particularly the rural, unorganized & disadvantaged sections of the society, by harnessing the Technological Infrastructure available with Polytechnics. The salient features of the scheme are as under: -
- Under the CDTP Scheme, the selected 518 AICTE approved Polytechnics are provided financial assistance of recurring grants upto ? 17 Lakhs per annum by MHRD to run short duration (3 to 6 months) non-formal skill development courses, in various trades such as electrician plumbing, carpentry, computer & information technology trades, agriculture trades, Solar Energy Devices, Rural Housing Brick Making etc.
- These courses are offered by the Polytechnics in their premises, as well as through extension centres, set up in nearby locations to the local community.
- No fees are charged from the trainees under this Scheme and there is no restriction of age and qualification.
- To carry out these skill development activities, the Scheme provides for existing faculty of the Polytechnics to be utilized, on payment of honorarium and for hiring contract staff for teaching the skill development courses.

In the state of Kerala, the Scheme is being implemented through 31 selected Polytechnics. An amount of ? 21.62 Crore has been released to these Polytechnics through the Government of Kerala since the inception of the Scheme. About 1,66,000 persons have been imparted training under the Scheme so far. Further, ? 251.20 Crores have been released to 518 participating Polytechnics across the country since the introduction of the scheme and about 12.87 lakh persons have been trained under the same so far.
(c) & (d): It has already been provided in Scheme Document that the honorarium paid to different categories of staff engaged on contract basis under the Scheme shall not be lower than the minimum wages notified, if any, for the similar category of workers, by the State Governments/UT Administration. To this extent, the amounts indicated in the Scheme Document can be adjusted at the Institute level without seeking any prior approval from MHRD. However, the adjustment shall be within the overall financial ceiling of ? 11.68 Lakh per annum for total Honorarium bill as provided in the Scheme Document.
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